

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the above-identified patent application in view of the present amendment and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

An information disclosure statement correcting the issues set forth in the Office Action is being mailed contemporaneously with this Amendment. Consideration of the references listed in the IDS is respectfully requested.

This Amendment corrects two typographical errors in the specification. No new matter was added as a result of this correction.

This Amendment also includes drawing corrections. Fig. 1 was revised to remove stray marks. Figs. 3 and 4 were revised to darken the arrows on the lead lines for reference numbers 12 and 21 to more clearly indicate the structures being referenced. It is respectfully suggested that, with reference to the disclosure, one skilled in the art will recognize that lead line 12 indicates the circuit board and lead line 21 indicates the printed conductors.

With reference to the claims, claims 1-3, 5-9, and 16 stand rejected as being anticipated under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) by Mast et al. (U.S. Patent No. 7,363,819). Claim 4 stands rejected as being obvious under 35 U.S.C. §103 over Mast et al. in view of Ishimura (U.S. Patent No. 3,715,443). It is respectfully acknowledged that claims 10-15 and 17 have been indicated as being allowable.

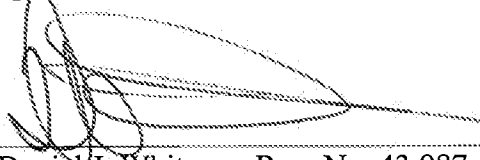
The Applicant respectfully submits that foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 has been established with the mailing of the Certified Copy of the priority document

which was received by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on March 5, 2009. A copy of the priority document is included with the filing of this Amendment for the convenience of the Examiner. With the establishment of priority, it is respectfully submitted that Mast fails to qualify as prior art to the present application. Therefore, allowance of claims 1-17 is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the above-identified patent application is in condition for allowance, and prompt notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner wish to discuss any of the foregoing in more detail, the undersigned attorney would welcome a telephone call.

Respectfully submitted,

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